

Changes Between H.R. 4319 (108th Congress) and H.R. ____ (109th Congress)

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I. General Changes

The following general changes were made in various sections throughout the bill:

A. United States Government

Substituted “United States” for “United States Government” and “Government” where the context involved the United States as a party to litigation or as a party to an international agreement.

B. United States-flag vessel and foreign-flag vessel

Avoided the term “flag” as denoting documentation or registry. Substituted instead terminology such as “United States documented vessel”, “vessel documented under chapter 121 of this title, and “foreign vessel”. Note that “documented vessel” and “foreign vessel” are defined for purposes of title 46 in new chapter 1.

C. References to paragraphs and clauses

Old rule: If it was a complete sentence, it was referred to as a paragraph or subparagraph, otherwise as a clause or subclause. New rule: It’s purely mechanical, based on indentation and designation: subsection (a), paragraph (1), subparagraph (A), clause (i), subclause (I).

II. Specific Sections Changed Because of Comments or Amendments

12111(c)(3) - Executed the amendment (involving a change in the cross reference to new chapter 531) previously contained in section 12(b)(1) of the bill which had a delayed effective date of October 1, 2005. Section 13(b) of the bill now provides how the cross reference shall read prior to that date. This amendment is from § 3534(b)(1) of the Maritime Security Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-136, 117 Stat. 1818).

12132 - Rewritten because of comment.

50101(a)(3), (4) - Rewritten because of comment.

50112(f) [46 App. U.S.C. 1121-2(f)(2)] - Amendment by Pub. L. 108-426, § 2(c)(4), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2424, renaming the “Research and Special Programs Administration” to the “Research and Innovative Technology Administration”.

51314 [46 App. U.S.C. 1295b(j)] - Added by Pub. L. 108-375, § 545(e), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1909.

53909(d) [46 App. U.S.C. 1288(a)] - Amendment by Pub. L. 108-375, § 3502(b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2195.

53912 [46 App. U.S.C. 1294] - Amendment by Pub. L. 108-375, § 3502(b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2195, extending the expiration date.

III. Other Changes

Moved the statement of purpose from former section 16 to new section 2 of the bill. Also polished the language in section 17 (previously section 16) which contains transitional and savings provisions.

Updated the additional and conforming amendments in sections 15 and 16 (previously sections 14 and 15) of the bill.